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Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting
of
The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics
and
The House Standing Committee on Transportation
and
The Transportation subcommittee of House Standing Committee on Appropriations

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

3:20 p.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics was called to order by Representative Ed McBroom, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan. (6/6)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

Representative Santana, the Minority Vice-Chair of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations, sat with the joint committees.

The Oversight Chair turned the gavel over to the Transportation Chair.

At 3:21 p.m., the House Standing Committee on Transportation was called to order by Representative Peter Pettalia, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Pettalia, Glardon, Farrington, Goike, Jacobsen, Yonker, Lauwers, McCready, Cole, Maturen, Lane, Rutledge, Smiley, Cochran, Dianda, and Neeley. (16/16)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Transportation Chair turned the gavel over to the Subcommittee Chair.

At 3:22 p.m., the Transportation subcommittee of House Standing Committee on Appropriations to order was called to order by Representative Canfield, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Canfield, Victory, Kelly, Bizon, Aaron Miller, Banks and Dillon. (7/7)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Subcommittee Chair turned the gavel over to the Oversight Chair.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation given by the Office of Auditor General (OAG).

Laura J. Hirst, C.P.A., Deputy Auditor General, provided each member of the committee with copies of the Performance Audit of the Office of the Rail, Michigan Department of Transportation (Report Number 591-0195-14, February 2015), and the Performance Audit of the Monitoring of Warranties and Road and Bridge Construction Projects, Michigan Department of Transportation (Report Number 591-0210-14, February 2015), which are attached, and introduced Elden N. Lamb, Audit Division Administrator in the Office of the Auditor General, who gave an overview of the audits. Discussion and questions followed.

Phil Browne, Deputy Commission and Legislative Advisor introduced Kirk Steudle, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Tim Hoeffner, P.E., Director of the Office of Rail in the Michigan Department of Transportation, and Carmine Palombo, P.E., director of Transportation Programs at Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, who provided the response to the first audit report. Discussion and questions followed. A copy of their handout is attached.

The following individuals submitted written testimony on this audit, but did not testify:

Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers, Incorporated;

M-1 Rail;

Michigan by Rail coalition;

University of Michigan's Master of Urban Planning Candidate students; and

Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA).

Kirk T. Steudle, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Brenda J. O'Brien, P.E. Engineer of Construction Field Services in the Construction Field Services Division in the Michigan Department of Transportation, and Randel R. Van Portfliet, P.E., Deputy Chief Engineer and Director of the Bureau of Field Services Superior Region Engineer in the Michigan Department of Transportation, provided the response to the second audit report. Discussion and questions followed.

Representative Graves moved to schedule a date within the month of February or March to have MDOT return to answer more questions regarding the audit.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan, (4/6)

Nays: Representative McBroom. (1/6)

The motion was adopted.

Representative Graves moved to reconsider the previous vote.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Graves, Theis, and Pagan, (4/6)

Nays: Representative Robinson. (1/6)

The motion was adopted.

Representative Graves moved to schedule a date within the month of February or March to have MDOT return to answer more questions regarding the audit.

The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representative Robinson, (1/6)

Nays: Representatives Mc Broom, Graves, Theis, and Pagan. (4/6)

The motion was not adopted.

The Oversight Chair turned the gavel over to the Transportation Chair.

There being no other business before the Transportation Committee; the Chair declared the Committee adjourned, the time being 5:14 p.m.

The Transportation Chair turned the gavel over to the Subcommittee Chair.

There being no other business before the Appropriations Subcommittee; the Chair declared the Subcommittee adjourned, the time being 5:14 p.m.

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The Subcommittee Chair turned the gavel over to the Oversight Chair.

There being no other business before the committee; The Chair declared the Committee adjourned, the time being 5:14 p.m.

Ed McBroom, Chair
House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee